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SUBJECT: CSCE: GENSCHER REBUFFS IDEA OF PERMANENT  
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COMMISSIONS

REF: MOSCOW 4360

1. IN AN INTERVIEW APPEARING IN THE APRIL 6 EDITION OF  
BONN'S "GENERAL ANZEIGER" ON MBFR AND OTHER SECURITY  
ISSUES (SEPTELS), FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER REBUFFS

SPD PARLIAMENTARY GROUP CHAIRMAN HERBERT WEHNER'S SUGGESTION OF LAST WEEK THAT PERMANENT CSCE COMMISSIONS BE ESTABLISHED AT THE BELGRADE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST IN THE AREAS OF ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION. WEHNER HAD ADVOCATED THE CREATION OF SUCH PERMANENT COMMISSIONS IN A MARCH 29 INTERVIEW WITH "DEUTSCHE WELLE." WEHNER ALSO SAID HE THOUGHT THE FRG WAS INCLINED TO ACCEPT THE SOVIET PROPOSALS IN THIS AREA AND TO CONSIDER WHETHER THEY COULD BE REALIZED.

2. DURING HIS MARCH 30 PRESS CONFERENCE AS REPORTED BY THE "GENERAL ANZEIGER," CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT ALSO CHARACTERIZED BREZHNEV'S CONGRESSES' PROPOSAL AS "WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION." SCHMIDT SAID HE SUPPORTED WEHNER'S VIEW ON THE USEFULNESS OF PERMANENT CSCE COMMISSIONS FOR WORKING OUT SOLUTIONS IN CERTAIN AREAS. HE SAID THE WARSAW PACT STATES COULD NO LONGER REFUSE TO WORK CONCRETELY FOR SOLUTIONS OF WORLDWIDE ENERGY, RAW MATERIAL AND DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS. HE NOTED IT WAS IN THE INTEREST OF THE EAST EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL STATES TO DO SO, AND THAT THE WEST WOULD PROBABLY INTRODUCE CORRESPONDING PROPOSALS IN BELGRADE.

3. GENSCHER CAST HIS REACTION TO THE BREZHNEV PROPOSAL AS ONE OF WANTING TO COOPERATE FAIRLY AND TO EXAMINE SERIOUSLY THE PROPOSALS OF OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES. GENSCHER THEN POINTED OUT THAT, TOGETHER WITH ITS WESTERN PARTNERS, THE FRG BELIEVED THAT THE ECE WAS A SUITABLE CONFIDENTIAL

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FORUM TO CONSIDER SUCH THEMES. GENSCHER THEN MADE REFERENCE TO RECENT SOVIET OPINIONS THAT THE ECE'S ROLE WAS WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION AND THAT MOSCOW DID NOT CONSIDER THAT ALL THREE PROPOSALS HAD TO BE TAKEN UP SIMULTANEOUSLY (REFTEL).

4. COMMENT: A FONOFF CSCE OFFICIAL INDICATED TO AN EMBOFF ON APRIL 6 THAT HE HAD NO IDEA WHY WEHNER RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF PERMANENT CSCE COMMISSIONS. HE SAID THE POSITION OF THE FRG REMAINS WHAT IT WAS: NO CSCE INSTITUTIONALIZATION. ALSO, HE NOTED THE EC-NINE HAD INDICATED IN MARCH ITS SUPPORT FOR STANOVNIK'S IDEAS FOR HANDLING THE BREZHNEV PROPOSALS. OUR SOURCE THOUGHT IT WAS POSSIBLE WEHNER SIMPLY DID NOT KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE WORK OF THE ECE, AND THAT THE FONOFF WAS CONSIDERING FILLING THIS APPARENT GAP IN THE SPD LEADER'S KNOWLEDGE. END COMMENT.  
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